

I'm disturbed by recent reports that legislation proposing a broadcast flag actually has a chance of being passed. Giving Hollywood this capability is essentially granting them the authority to subvert fair use laws for their own gains. The worst part about it is that this technology will not prevent piracy and stop digital programming from being shared via the internet, which are supposedly the primary concerns of Hollywood. The only outcome will be infringement upon consumers' fair use rights, inconveniencing honest people while doing nothing to stop piracy. Like every other security measure, real pirates will find a way to crack and subvert the broadcast flag, allowing them to continue doing what they do now.

Please do not sacrifice consumer rights in order to appease Hollywood. If the content industry can't prove that the broadcast flag will permit me to continue performing time shifting and other fair use rights, I urge you to veto this proposal.